



CANCER BURDEN

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,334,100 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States, including 24,400 in Maryland.
- 556,500 cancer deaths will occur in the United States, including 10,200 in Maryland.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rate for cancer deaths per 100,000 persons²

Maryland: 214.9 **National:** 202.3

Maryland ranks 12th highest overall in cancer mortality rates among the 50 states and Washington, D.C.

LUNG CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 3,200 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Maryland.
- 2,900 men and women will die of lung cancer in Maryland.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for lung cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Maryland	National
Overall	60.9	56.8
White	60.2	56.7
Black	68.7	66.4
Hispanic	8.9	25.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	19.6	28.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	60.9	37.2

COLORECTAL CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 2,900 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Maryland.
- 1,100 men and women will die of colorectal cancer in Maryland.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Maryland	National
Overall	23.9	21.2
White	22.5	20.7
Black	30.6	28.5
Hispanic	-	14.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	14.4	13.1
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	14.7

BREAST CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 4,200 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in Maryland.
- 800 women will die of breast cancer in Maryland.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for breast cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Maryland	National
Overall	29.6	27.7
White	28.3	27.2
Black	35.5	35.9
Hispanic	-	17.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	9.8	12.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	14.9

PROSTATE CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 3,900 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed among men in Maryland.
- 500 men will die of prostate cancer in Maryland.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for prostate cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Maryland	National
Overall	36.8	32.9
White	30.0	30.2
Black	75.6	73.0
Hispanic	-	24.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	13.9
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	21.9

¹ Source: American Cancer Society Facts and Figures, 2003. Estimates exclude more than a million cases of basal and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ cancers, except urinary bladder, that will be diagnosed in 2003. Lung cancer rates include bronchus cancer. Maryland death totals were rounded to nearest 100.

² Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1996–2000. Death rates are per 100,000 and are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population.

³ Hyphens represent suppression of rates when there were 75,000 or fewer persons in the denominator or 20 or fewer deaths in the numerator.